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SUBJECT: UN COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA VISIT INCLUDED

ATTACKS ON U.S.

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1. UN NAMIBIA COUNCIL VISIT AUGUST 24 TO 28 GIVEN EXTENSIVE LOCAL
PUBLICITY, WITH GOG SPOKESMEN ECHOING COUNCIL LEADERS
IN CALLING FOR INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL AND POLITICAL
SUPPORT FOR SWAPO "ARMED STRUGGLE". EVENTS INCLUDED
CONFERENCE WITH PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM, DEDICATION OF

MONUMENT TO "FREEDOM FIGHTERS" AT WHICH BURNHAM PLEDGED
SOLIDARITY AND SUPPORT, AND WELL-ATTENDED SO-CALLED
SYMPOSIUM AT WHICH FOREIGN MINISTER RAMPHAL, SWAPO
REPRESENTATIVE THEO BEN-GURIRAB, TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR
TO UN SALIM A. SALIM, MALI AMBASSADOR DRAMANE
OUTTARA (AS REPRESENTATIVE OF OAU) AND ZAMBIAN
AMBASSADOR RUPIA BANDA SPOKE. SALIM AND OUTTARA
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ATTACKED U.S. IN SPEECHES AS HELPING
SUSTAIN SOUTH AFRICA IN NAMIBIA , WITH FORMER INCORRECTLY
QUOTED IN GOG OFFICIAL NEWS BULLETIN AS SAYING U.S.
"SPOKE OF DEMOCRACY WHILE SUPPLYING ARMS THROUGH
NATO TO SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF THE
AFRICAN PEOPLE" (HE ACTUALLY SAID U.S. HAD BEEN
SUPPLYING ARMS THROUGH NATO TO PORTUGAL FOR SUPPRESSING
AFRICAN PEOPLE). OUTTARA WAS EVEN MORE INTEMPERATE,
FIRST DISCOUNTING POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC REASONS FOR
ALLEGED U.S. SUPPORT FOR SOUTH AFRICA'S REMAINING
IN NAMIBIA , THEN CONCLUDING THAT U.S. ACTIONS MUST
THEREFORE BE BASED ON RACIAL GROUNDS. SEEMINGLY
LOUDEST AND MOST ENTHUSIASTIC APPLAUSE AT THESE
ATTACKS ON U.S. CAME FROM IRISH NAMIBIAN COMMISSIONER
SEAN MC BRIDE, WHO EARLIER HAD ACCOSTED AMBASSADOR
WITH CURIOUS ALLEGATION THAT PENTAGON WAS PUSHING
FOR SOUTH AFRICA'S ADMISSION TO NATO AS SUBSTITUTE
FOR PORTUGAL.

2. SEVERAL GUYANESE AND OTHERS WHO ATTENDED SYMPOSIUM
SUBSEQUENTLY
TOLD AMBASSADOR THEY FELT THE ATTACKS ON U.S. BY

MALIAN AND TANZANIAN WERE INAPPROPRIATE AND OUT OF
ORDER, BUT OVERALL AUDIENCE REACTION TO ATTACKS SEEMED
GENERALLY FAVORABLE. THE TWO GUYANESE SPEAKERS
(FOREIGN MINISTER RAMPHAL AND MINISTER OF STATE
CORBIN) AT SYMPOSIUM CONFINED CRITICISM
TO VAGUE REFERENCES OF SUPPORT FOR SOUTH AFRICA
BY CAPITALIST AND IMPERIALIST POWERS.

3. COMMENT: PM BURNHAM INTERNAL POLITICAL
BENEFIT OF PRAISE BY VISITING AFRICANS, BUT WAS
EVIDENTLY RESTRAINED FROM FURTHER PLAYING FOR
RADICAL SUPPORT THROUGH ANTI-US AND ANTI-WESTRN
POLEMICS. KREBS

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